

About this information....

The McMinnville Planning Department Informational Brochure series has been developed to provide general information on land use regulations commonly affecting activities undertaken by the public and administered by this office. The information contained in these brochures is not intended to be a complete statement of all applicable regulations, and individuals are encouraged to contact the office for complete rules and permitting requirements.



POLITICAL SIGNS

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<http://www.ci.mcminnville.or.us>

Zoning Ordinance Chapter 17.62



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Does the City of McMinnville regulate political signs?

In McMinnville, signs are regulated not by their content, but rather by how, where, and when they are displayed. To that end, McMinnville does not regulate “political signs,” but does allow for an increased number of temporary signs that may be placed on a property during the time around elections.



What additional signs are allowed during election periods?

During the time six weeks prior to and 14 days after an official election date, an unlimited number of temporary signs, no larger than six square feet in area, may be placed on your property, if they meet the following criteria:

- They do not block any clear-vision areas at intersections, driveways, or within parking lots or otherwise create a hazard.
- They are not located within a public right-of-way.
- They are not attached to trees, shrubs, or utility poles.
- If they are over 30 inches tall, they are located at least 10 feet back from a property line.
- They do not flash, blink, use mechanized movement, or change messages electronically.
- They are located with the consent of the property owner.

These signs are permitted in addition to otherwise permitted temporary signs. A full description of temporary sign regulations can be found in Chapter 17.62 (Signs) of the McMinnville Zoning Ordinance.

Do I need a permit to put up signs during the election period?

You do not need a permit to display a temporary sign, but it must be placed and sized in accordance with the regulations as noted in the McMinnville Zoning Ordinance and described in this publication.

I see temporary signs in McMinnville bigger than six square feet. Are they allowed?

Larger temporary signs are permitted year-round on commercial and industrial zoned property. These properties are permitted one sign, up to 16 square feet in area, for each 250 feet of property that abuts a public street. These larger signs must meet the placement criteria noted earlier. In addition, these properties have no limit on the size or number of signs that may be placed flat on building walls; they must all be situated below the roofline, as well.

Can I put a temporary sign in the grassy strip between the sidewalk and the street?

In most every case, the strip of ground between the sidewalk and street is part of the street right-of-way, and is publicly owned. As such, temporary signs are not permitted to locate there.



Can I have a sign on my car?

Signs are permitted on cars that are being used for transport in the normal day-to-day operations of a business. Signs are not permitted on cars parked in the public right-of-way with the intent of displaying the sign, or where the sign is being propped up by the car.

I see people holding signs. Are they allowed?

Handheld signs, if not creating a hazard or blocking a right-of-way, are permitted.



Are there any other locations where temporary signs are not allowed?

Temporary signs may not be placed on fire hydrants, trees, shrubs, utility poles, or traffic control sign posts. Also, signs attached to a building may not be located on the roof.

What will happen if I display a sign that is too large or in a location where it is not allowed?

The Planning Department will advise the property owner of the violation, and request that the sign be brought into compliance. In some instances, the individual or organization being represented by the sign will be contacted.

Where can I get more information regarding temporary signs?

You may contact the Planning Department by telephone at 503-434-7311, or visit the office, which is located in the Community Development Center, 231 NE 5th Street, McMinnville. You may also email any of the staff listed on the Planning Department's web page at www.ci.mcminnville.or.us.